

What's the *hang up* at the FCC?

Delaying America's telecom alliances jeopardizes information-age jobs

Seems like the Federal Communications Commission is getting its wires crossed. Instead of helping American workers and companies compete, the FCC is using bureaucratic red tape to delay essential telecommunications alliances that would strengthen our economy.

Over 500,000 American telecom workers face stiff competition from formidable foreign giants like Nippon Telegraph and Telephone and the massive new Deutsche Telekom/Telecom Italia conglomerate, yet the FCC is needlessly stalling U.S. companies' attempts to join forces.

Of course, not every merger is beneficial. But it's time for the FCC to understand that the *right kind* of strategic corporate partnerships – like those between SBC Communications and Ameritech, and GTE and Bell Atlantic – can bolster our economy, protect our jobs and strengthen our communities. America's telecom workers and companies are ready to answer the call of competition. But the FCC needs to stop tying up the line.

***Approve the telecom partnerships now.
American jobs and economic leadership are on the line.***



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